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Substitute Senate Bill No. 647

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE BY STUDENTS AS OFFICIAL CHECKERS AT POLLING PLACES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-235d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of sections 9-233, 9-235 and 9-258
4 to the contrary, a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen
5 years of age and a bona fide resident of a town may be (1) appointed as
6 a challenger [, voting machine tender] or unofficial checker in an
7 election, [and, after serving as an unofficial checker in an election or as
8 a candidate checker in a primary, may be appointed as a checker in a
9 subsequent election] or (2) appointed as a checker, translator or voting
10 machine tender in an election after (A) attending poll worker training,
11 and (B) receiving the permission of the principal of the school that the
12 citizen attends if the citizen is a secondary school student.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of section 9-436 or 9-436a to the
14 contrary, a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen years of
15 age and a bona fide resident of a town or political subdivision holding
16 a primary may be (1) appointed as a challenger [, voting machine
17 tender] or candidate checker in the primary, [and, after serving as a
18 candidate checker in a primary or as an unofficial checker in an
19 election, may be appointed as a checker in a subsequent primary] or (2)
20 appointed as a checker, translator or voting machine tender in a
21 primary after (A) attending poll worker training, and (B) receiving the
22 permission of the principal of the school that the citizen attends if the
23 citizen is a secondary school student.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which allows a 16 or 17 year old to serve as a checker, translator, or voting machine tender at an election or primary polling place, has no fiscal impact on the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE BY STUDENTS AS OFFICIAL CHECKERS AT POLLING PLACES**SUMMARY:**

This bill removes the requirement that a 16- or 17-year-old serve as an unofficial checker or a candidate checker before being appointed as a checker in a polling place at an election or a primary. It permits the appointment after the person attends poll worker training and, if the person is a high school student, has received the school principal's permission. The bill also permits such youth to serve as translators at a polling place and requires the training and principal's permission for appointment as a voting machine tender or translator.

By law, a 16- or 17-year-old poll worker must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of the town where the election or primary is held. Current law (1) permits such a person to serve as a challenger, voting machine tender, unofficial checker, candidate checker, or checker and (2) requires such a person to have served as an unofficial checker in an election or as a candidate checker in a primary before being eligible for appointment as a checker in a subsequent election or primary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0